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SUBJECT: SOME PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON HANDLING AMERICAN
TECHNICIAN GROUP FOR SINAI STATIONS

1. ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WE NOW KNOW, I THOUGHT IT
MIGHT BE HELPFUL, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, TO SUBMIT
SOME OF OUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS
ON THE 200 TECHNICIANS WHO WILL SUPPORT THE WARNING
SYSTEMS IN THE SINAI.

2. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE AMERICAN
TECHNICIANS BE BASED AT ISMAILIYA AND THAT THEIR
PREMISES MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS A SUB-OFFICE OF THE
AMERICAN CONSULATE AT PORT SAID. AT PRESENT, THERE
IS NO CONSULATE IN PORT SAID, BUT WE ARE AIMING AT
TRYING TO REOPEN AN OFFICE THERE BY JANUARY 1, 1976,
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF STAFF AND OFFICE SPACE.
THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE TECHNICIANS
ARE SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE US PROPOSAL.

3. IT APPEARS THAT ISMAILIYA IS PROBABLY THE BEST
BASE OF OPERATION. WHILE FAR FROM AN IDEAL LOCATION
IN TERMS OF HOUSING, QUALITY AND QUANTITY AND
PROXIMITY TO OPERATING AREAS, IT IS THE LOCATION OF
THE UNEF OPERATING FORCES AND, AS SUCH,
PRESENTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PIGGY-BACKING CONSIDERABLE
SUPPORT.

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4. IN THIS REGARD WE RECOMMEND THAT, EXCEPT FOR A FEW MANAGER/
SUPERVISOR TYPES, ALL PERSONNEL BE CONTRACTED FOR SIX
MONTHS OR ONE YEAR TOURS, WITH OPTIONS TO EXTEND.
LIMITING TOURS WILL SERVE TO SIMPLIFY DEPENDENT MOVE-
MENT (PEOPLE, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND AUTOS) TO AN AREA
NOT LOGISTICALLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING THEM. NO
DEPENDENT TRAVEL SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED. FOR PURPOSE
OF CONTINUITY, TOP MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL
SHOULD PROBABLY BE CONTRACTED FOR 18 MONTHS WITH
OPTIONS TO EXTEND FOR 18 MONTHS (TERMINATION OF
REQUIREMENT).

5. MY DATT AND ARMA VISITED UN HQ AT ISMAILIYA AND
TALKED INFORMALLY WITH M/GENERAL LILJESTRAND (SWEDEN),
COMMANDER, UNEF AND HIS KEY STAFF. ALL UN PERSONNEL
WERE VERY HELPFUL AND EXPRESSED SINCERE DESIRE TO
EXTEND ALL FEASIBLE ASSISTANCE. THE FOLLOWING
ADDRESSES UNEF CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT USG TECHNICIANS:

A. TRANSPORTATION: ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF
VEHICLES WILL OF COURSE VARY WITH REQUIREMENTS. IF
RECREATIONAL TRANSPORT TO MEDITERRANEAN COAST,
CAIRO, ETC. IS ENVISIONED, REQUIREMENT WOULD INCREASE.
WE ENVISION A RATHER LEAN ORGANIZATION MANNED BY
PEOPLE PREPARED FOR AN ISOLATED ASSIGNMENT WHO
WILL BE COMPENSATED FINANCIALLY. FROM A TRANSPORTATION
POINT OF VIEW, ROTATION TO OPERATIONAL SITES WOULD
REQUIRE LESS VEHICLE SUPPORT IF PERSONNEL REQUIRED
TO REMAIN IN DESERT THREE TO FIVE DAYS E.G. THREE
DAYS ON AND SIX DAYS OFF OR FIVE DAYS ON AND TEN
DAYS OFF. MOREOVER, ROTATION TO EACH SITE
SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON A DIFFERENCE DAY TO MORE
EFFICIENTLY USE THE VEHICLES ASSIGNED AND SUBSTANTIALLY
REDUCE THE NUMBER REQUIRED. AS A FIRST CUT WE
ESTIMATE REQUIREMENT FOR VEHICLES AS FOLLOWS:
TWO SEDANS, TEN CARRY-ALLS, TEN JEEP TYPES, FOUR
FIVE-TON TRUCKS, AND TWO TWO-AND-ONE-HALF TON
TRUCKS. IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF WATER TRAILERS
AND ELECTRIC GENERATORS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO
SUPPORT OPERATIONAL SITES. LOW OCTANE FUEL IS
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AVAILABLE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES AND CAN BE
SUPPORTED BY UN WITH REIMBURSE BY USG. UN
STAFF FURTHER ASSURED US THAT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR US EFFORT IN UN COMPOUND. US
WOULD HAVE TO SUPPLY MECHANICS AND SPARE PARTS.

B. MEDICAL: MEDICAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH
UN ORGANIZATION. POLISH AND CANADIAN MEDICAL

FACILITIES ARE LOCATED IN ISMALIYA. IT IS RECOMMENDED, HOWEVER, THAT US TEAM HAVE ONE PHYSICIAN WITH ASSISTANT AND SUITABLE PHARMACEUTICAL BACKUP FOR ROUTINE MEDICAL CARE. COMPLICATED CASES CAN BE SUPPORTED BY UN IN ISMAILIYA OR AMEMBASSY CAIRO. UN FORCES OPINION THAT EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION FROM OPERATIONAL SITES COULD BE SUPPORTED THROUGH EGYPTIAN OR ISRAELI HELOS IN THE SAME MANNER AS CURRENT UN FORCES.

C. HOUSING: HOUSING IS CRITICAL FOR UNEF WHO ARE UNDER CONTINUOUS PRESSURE TO FREE THEIR HOUSING SPACES TO GOE. RECOMMEND PREFAB ARRANGEMENT OR TRAILERS AS POSSIBLE SOLUTION. SUITABLE ACREAGE FOR COMPOUND SITE IS NOT VIEWED AS PROBLEM.

D. MESSING: UNEF SUPPORT IS NOT CLEAR IN THIS AREA. SOME UNEF STAFF OFFICERS DESCRIBED THEIR EATING FACILITY AS VERY CROWDED. OTHERS, INCLUDING THE MESS OFFICER, FELT WITH PROPER SUPPORT (MONEY) IT COULD BE EXPANDED TO MEET THE NEEDS. IF THREE TO FIVE DAY PERIODS OF DUTY ARE ENVISIONED AT OPERATIONAL SITES, SOME LIMITED MESSING FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR FIELD RATIONS.

E. COMMISSARY: THE UNEF HAS A COMMISSARY WHICH SUPPLIES TOILET ARTICLES, REFRESHMENT #HARD AND SOFT), SNACK FOOD ITEMS, AND LIMITED CLOTHING (SPORT SHIRTS, ETC.). THE UNEF CHIEF OF STAFF STATED THEY WOULD WELCOME THE BUSINESS.

F. MAIL: THE UNEF HAS A DAILY RUN FROM CAIRO TO ISMALIYA. UNEF INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO HAUL
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US TEAM MAIL FROM US EMBASSY. IF THEIS PROCEDURE CAN BE WORKED OUT IT WILL REDUCE VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS. PRESUMABLY, US TEAM WILL NEED PERSONNEL TO SORT AND DISTRIBUTE MAIL.

6. QUALITY OF PERSONNEL SELECTED WILL BE IMPORTANT DUE TO:

A. THE CRITICAL NATURE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND

B. THE ISOLATED AUSTERE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THESE DUTIES MUST BE DISCHARGED.

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7. IN PLANNING ROTATION OF PERSONNEL TO OPERATIONAL SITES, KEEP IN MIND CANAL CAN BE CROSSED FROM ABOUT 1900L TO 0600L BUT IS CLOSED ALL DAY DUE TO SHIP TRAFFIC. IN EARLY NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOE OVER RULES OF TRAVEL, CUSTOMS, ETC. OPERATING PROCEDURES SHOULD BE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED DOWN TO LOWEST LEVEL TO PRECLUDE EARLY PROBLEMS WITH WORKING LEVEL WHO SOMETIMES DO NOT GET THE WORD.

8. FOR WHIAT IT IS WORTH, WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED AN ORANIZATIONAL MODEL WITH A GENERAL MANAGER AND THREE DEPUTIES:

- A. MANAGER FOR LOGISTICS
- B. MANAGER FOR SUPPORT AND
- C. MANAGER FOR OPERATIONS.

9. GROUPED UNDER THE LOGISTICS MANAGER ARE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (MECHANICS AND PARTS), SUPPLY (PROCUREMENT, WAREHOUSE, RECORDS, POL). UNDER SUPPORT, HOUSING (BILLETING AND SUPPLY), MEDICAL (PHYSICIAN AND TECHNICIAN), COMPTROLLER (DISBURSING, BOOKKEEPER), PERSONNEL (PLANS, RECORDS, TRAVEL), FOOD SERVICE AND DIETICIAN, AND POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS. UNDER OPERATIONS, SHIFT SUPERVISORS, OPS TECHNICIANS, PLANS, TRAINING. WITH THE APPARENT PIGGY-BACK SUPPORT AVAILABLE FROM UNEF I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT IT IS FEASIBLE TO OPERATE WITH A SUPPORT TAIL OF ABOUT
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40-45 PEOPLE LEAVING AN ADDITIONAL 155-160 PEOPLE
FOR OPERATIONAL DUTY.

10. ONE THOUGHT THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO US
IS TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF PIGGY-BACKING
ON THE CANADIANS. THEIR FOOD, CULTURE, LANGUAGE,
ETC. ARE SIMILAR AND FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT WOULD
BE SIMPLIFIED IN THAT WE ARE ONLY DEALING WITH
ONE GOVERNMENT.

11. I HOPE YOU FIND THE ABOVE OF SOME HELP IN
YOUR PLANNING. WE ARE READY TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE
AS IS WITHIN OUR CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT. HOWEVER,
SHOULD EMBASSY BE TASKED WITH SUBSTANTIAL LOGISTIC SUPPORT
FOR TECHNICIANS, WE WOULD REQUIRE SOME PERSONNEL
AND EQUIPMENT AUGMENTATION. NUMBERS AND TYPES
WOULD DEPEND UPON NATURE OF SUPPORT MISSION REQUESTED
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